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Invention: METHOD OF DETERMINING WHETHER A CONDUCTIVE LAYER OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE IS EXPOSED THROUGH A CONTACT HOLE					
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In response to the FINAL Office Action of 15 March 2006, the period for response to which is 15 June 2006, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows, and reconsider and reexamine the application in view of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.